



AERONAUTICAL, DUTY, AND OCCUPATIONAL BADGES

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This instruction provides the basic information on wearing aeronautical, duty, and occupational badges and implements Air Force Policy Directive 36-29, *Military Standards*. Do not supplement this instruction.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

★This publication establishes standardized procedures for earning occupational badges; assigns functional responsibilities (paragraph 1); delineates conditions for wearing badges; adds issuing organizations and their duty badges (paragraph 4); reestablishes award criteria for the award of the Weapons Director, Air Traffic Control, and Missile and Space/Missile badges (table 2, rules 2, 3, and 9); establishes criteria for the new Communications and Information, Manpower and Personnel badges (table 2, rules 14, 15, 21, and 22); renames the Communication badge (table 2, rules 14 and 15); and renames the Law Enforcement badge (table 2, rules 24 and 25). A ★ indicates revision from the previous edition.

1. Functional Responsibilities:

- 1.1. Chief, Military Personnel Flight (MPF). Assigns an office within the Customer Support Section to be the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) for this instruction.
- 1.2. Unit Commanders. Ensure individuals within their unit whom they administratively disqualify do not wear the occupational badge.
- 1.3. Office of Primary Responsibility for Miscellaneous Badges. OPRs of miscellaneous badges are listed in AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*, and issue criteria for these badges.

2. Wear Procedures. Refer to AFI 36-2903 for specific guidance on wearing badges. See attachment 1 (figure A1.1) for a display of aeronautical and occupational badges.

3. Aeronautical Badges. Refer to AFI 11-402, *Aviation and Parachutist Service, Aeronautical Ratings and Badges*, for specific award criteria.

★4. Duty Badges. Refer to table 1 for listing of issuing organizations and their duty badges.

5. Occupational Badges. Refer to table 2 for a listing of officer and enlisted Air Force Specialty Codes (AFSC) and their occupational badges:

- 5.1. General officers. Wear the basic badge, representative of the organization's mission, upon entering a headquarters staff or command position, unless previously qualified for a higher level badge. Wear the next higher level badge after 12 months. Continue to upgrade to next higher level every 12 months.
- 5.2. Officers. Wear the basic badge after graduating from technical school (or after attaining a fully qualified AFSC when technical school is not required). Wear the senior badge after 7 years in the specialty and the master badge after 15 years in the specialty. **EXCEPTION:** Medical Service officers' time in specialty will include any constructive service credit

awarded at the time of appointment. Officers may verify their constructive service credit to determine eligibility for award of badges by contacting HQ AFPC/DPAMU, 550 C Street West Suite 27, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4729.

5.3. Enlisted. Wear the basic badge after completing technical school. Wear the senior badge after award of the 7-skill level, and the master badge as a master sergeant or above with 5 years in the specialty from award of the 7-skill level.

EXCEPTION: Chief Master Sergeants crossflowed into a new CEM Code wear the basic badge of their new career field upon award of the CEM Code, the senior badge after 12 months, and the master badge after 5 years.

5.4. Transition Period. Occupational badges listed in table 2, column C, are obsolete effective 1 October 1998. Those wearing the senior and master badges continue to maintain that level on the new occupational badge listed in table 2. However, effective 1 October 1994, stars and wreaths are "earned" on new badges only.

5.5. Retraitees. Credit toward new badges starts upon entry into new AFSC. **EXCEPTION:** Officers who formerly served as enlisted members may wear the awarded occupational badge for the career field in which they served as an enlisted member.

5.6. When Performing Special Duties or Attending Professional Military Education. Wear primary AFSC occupational badge. Upgrade to the next higher level badge is awarded in accordance with paragraph 5.3.

★Table 1. Issuing Organizations and Their Duty Badges.

R U L E	A	B	C
	Issuing Organization	wear	OPR
1	Security Police	Security Police Shield while performing duties only. Continue to wear while attending professional military education.	HQ USAF/SP
2	Civil Engineering	Fire Protection Shield while performing duties only. Worn by group level personnel and below. Continue to wear while attending professional military education.	HQ AFESC/DEF
3	Defense Commissary Agency	Commissary Badge while performing duties only.	HQ DECA/DO
4	Office of the Secretary of Defense	OSD Badge during and after assignment to the specific duty.	OASD MM&PP
5	Joint Chiefs of Staff	JCS Identification Badge during and after assignment to the specific duty.	JCS/J1
6	USAF Academy	Permanent Professor USAF Academy Badge during and after assignment to the specific duty.	USAFA
7	Army Military Personnel Center	Army Staff ID Badge while performing duties only.	Army MILPERCEN
8	North Atlantic Treaty Organization	NATO Badge while performing duties only.	HQ USAFE/DPAP
9	Presidential Service	Presidential Service Badge <i>or</i> Vice-Presidential Service Badge during and after an assignment to White House duty.	Military Assistant to the President
10	United Nations	United Nations Command Badge while performing duties only.	UN
11	Defense Information Systems Agency	DISA Command Badge while performing duties only.	DISA
12	Air Education and Training Command	AETC Instructor Badge while performing assigned duties. Continue to wear while attending professional military education.	HQ AETC/TT
		Air Force Recruiting Service Badge while performing assigned duties. Continue to wear while attending professional military education.	HQ AETC/RS
		Air Force Reserve Recruiting Service Badge while performing assigned duties. Continue to wear while attending professional military education.	AFRES/RS
		Jr. ROTC Instructor Badge while performing assigned duties. Continue to wear while attending professional military education.	AFROTC/OT
		Defense Language Instructor Badge while performing assigned duties. Continue to wear while attending professional military education.	DLIFLC
13	Air National Guard	Air National Guard Recruiter Badge while performing assigned duties. Continue to wear while attending professional military education.	ANGCR/MPPAE
14	Defense Finance and Accounting Service	DFAS Identification Badge while performing duties only.	DFAS

Table 2. Occupational Specialties and Their Badges (Excludes Aeronautical).

R U L E	A	B	C	D
	Officer Code or Career Field	Enlisted Code or Career Field	Badge Title	New Badge Title
Operations Career Group				
1	(S Prefix) Safety Officer (16) Operations Support	(1S, 1T) Safety, Survival Training, Life Aircrew Support, Pararescue	None	Operations Support
★ 2	None	(1C) Command Control Systems Operations	None	Command and Control (See note 1.)
	(13B) Air Battle Management	(1C5X1D, 1A4X1D) Weapons Director	None	Weapons Director (See note 1.)
	(13C) Air Traffic Control Operations	(1C1) Air Traffic Control Operations	Command and Control	Air Traffic Control
★ 3	(13A) Astronaut (13S) Space and Missile Operations	(1C6) Space Systems Operations	Space/Missile	Space/Missile (See note 2.)
	(13SXC) Missile Operations	None	Space/Missile only	Space/Missile and Missile with Operations Designator (See note 3.)
	(13S4) Space and Missile Staff Officer	None	Space/Missile	Space/Missile (See note 3.)
4	(14) Intelligence	(1N) Intelligence	None	Intelligence
5	(15) Weather	(1W) Weather	Meteorologist	Meteorologist
Logistics Career Group				
6	(21) Aircraft Maintenance and Munitions	(2A, 2P, 2W) Manned Aerospace Maintenance, Precision Measurement, Munitions and Weapons	Aircraft and Munitions Maintenance	Maintenance
7	None	(2E) Comm-Electronics Systems	Comm-Elec Maintenance	
8	None	(2R) Maintenance Management Systems	Aircraft and Munitions Maintenance	
★ 9	(22) Space and Missile Maintenance	(2M) Missile and Space Systems Maintenance	Maintenance Badge	Missile Badge
10	(23) Supply	(2S, 2F) Supply, Fuels	Supply/Fuels	Supply/Fuels
11	(24) Transportation	(2B, 2T) Marine Transportation and Vehicle Maintenance	None	Transportation
12	(25) Logistics Plans and Programs	(2G) Logistics Plans	None	Logistics
13	(32) Civil Engineer	(3E) Civil Engineer	None	Civil Engineer (See note 5.)
★ 14	(33) Communications and Information	(3C) Comm-Computer Systems	Communications	Communications and Information (See note 7.)
★ 15	None	(3V) Visual Information		
16	(34) Services	(3M) Services		Services
17	None	(3K) Commissary Services		
Support Career Group (See note 4.)				

18	(35B) Band	(3N1) Band	None	Band
19	(35P) Public Affairs	(3N0) Public Affairs		Public Affairs
20	None	(3H) Historian		Historian
★ 21	(36) Mission Support; Personnel	(3S) Mission Support		Manpower and Personnel (See note 6.)
★ 22	(37) None	(3A) Information Management (3R) Printing Management	Information Management	Information Management (See note 7.)
23	(38) Manpower	(3U) Manpower	None	Manpower and Personnel
Support/Investigations Career Groups				
24	(31) Security Police	(3P) Security Police/CATM	Security Police	Force Protection
25	(71) Special Investigations	(7S) Special Investigations	None	
Professional Career Group				
26	(51) Judge Advocate	None	Judge Advocate	Judge Advocate
27	(52) Chaplain	None	Chaplain	Chaplain
28	None	(5J) Paralegal	None	Paralegal
29	None	(5R) Chaplain Service Support	None	Chaplain Service Support
Acquisition and Financial Management Career Group				
30	(61, 62) Scientific/Research, Developmental Engineering	None	None	Acquisition and Financial Management
31	(63) Acquisition			
32	(64) Contracting			
33	(65) Financial Management	(6C) Contracting (6F) Financial Management		
Medical Career Group				
34	(40) (44) (45) (48) Physician (MC)	None	Medical Corps	Medical Corps
35	(41) Health Service Administrator (MSC)	None	Medical Service Corps	Medical Service Corps
36	(42) (43) Biomedical Science Officer (BSC)	None	Biomedical Science Corps	Biomedical Science Corps
37	(46) Nurse Corps (NC)	None	Nurse Corps	Nurse Corps
38	(47) Dentist (DC)	None	Dental Corps	Dental Corps
39	None	(4XXXX) Enlisted Medical Service Member	Enlisted Medical	Enlisted Medical

NOTES:

- ★1. If both the command and control and weapons director badges have been earned, subsequent levels can be earned toward one badge only.
2. Director of Operations, HQ Air Force Space Command approves qualifying space operations specialties for sister and allied service members and wear authorization for allied service members. Army and Navy Space Commands approve wear authorization for their respective service members.
- ★3. Guidelines for wear of the Space/Missile Badge and Missile Badge with Operations Designator:
- The Space/Missile Badge is worn by all officers in the 13A and 13S Career Fields. Additionally, the Missile Badge with Operations Designator is worn by officers who have served or are serving, in the Missile Operations area (13SXC).
 - Subsequent levels of the Space/Missile Badge are earned while serving in the 13AX or 13SX AFSC, or while serving as a Space or Missile Wing/Operations Group Commander or deputy.
 - Higher levels of the Missile Badge can only be earned while serving in the subsequent 13SXC or 13S4 AFSC, or while serving as a Missile Wing/Operations Group Commander or deputy.

- ★USCINCSpace, USCINCSpace, and AFSPC/CC are authorized wear of the Master Space/Missile Badge upon assumption of their position. USCINCSpace and AFSPC/CC are authorized wear of the Master Missile Badge with Operations Designator upon assumption of their position.
- 4. Officers in AFSC 20, Logistics Commander, 21LX, Logistician, and 30, Support Commander, wear the highest awarded badge in the Logistics or Support career areas. If none awarded, wear highest awarded badge from previous career areas.
- 5. Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) members wear the EOD badge.
- ★6. Effective 1 November 1996, officers in AFSCs 37AX (Information Management), integrated into the Chief, Mission Support; Personnel career field (36XX), wear the Manpower and Personnel badge at the same level (basic, senior, master) as worn on previous 37AX badge. Additionally, officers in AFSC 37XX, who crossflowed into 36XX prior to 1 November 1996, may use that time to upgrade to the next higher level badge in accordance with paragraph 5.2.
- ★7. Officers in former AFSCs 13BXF (Adjutants), 33SX (Communications-Computers), 33VX (Visual Information), and 37AX (Information Management), integrated into the Communications and Information career field, wear the Communications and Information Badge and maintain the same level (basic, senior, master) as worn on previous 13BXF, 33SX, 33VX, and 37AX occupational badges. However, effective 1 November 1996, stars and wreaths are “earned” on the new Communications and Information badge only.

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DISPLAY OF BADGES

Figure A1.1. Display of Badges.

